



GLENN COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Glenn County RCD Recruits High School Students for Annual Speak-Off Contest!

Recruiting all high school students!

Since 1987, the local Resource Conservation District (RCD) has offered an Annual Speak-Off Contest for High School students. Created by the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD), this contest is open to all Glenn County students in the 9th – 12th grade levels.

This year’s speech topic is **“What can Resource Conservation Districts do to help create a more inclusive dialogue about conservation work?”** Therefore, interested students may show off their talents by preparing a 3-5 minutes speech on the topic and provide their speech to an audience on _____(TBD).

Speakers will first compete at the local level. The top speaker advances to the regional contest. Then the top regional speaker advances to the State contest. In addition to the possibility of advancing, Glenn County RCD offers a first-place prize of \$100, second-place prize of \$75, and third-place prize of \$50.

Speak-Off Contest Applications due to the Glenn County RCD office by October 8, 2021.

Local competition will be held TBD; location/online only TBD. The continuing contestant will speak at the Sacramento Valley Region of RCDs fall meeting TBD, and finally, if chosen at the regional level, the speaker will have the opportunity to represent their school, RCD, and county at the CARCD annual meeting held November 30-December 3, 2021.

All high school students are encouraged to participate in this exciting RCD *Connects with Kids* challenge!

For further information, questions or to receive a Speak-Off Contest Application, visit www.glenncountyrcd.org or call (530) 934-4601 x5. Contestants may also email info@glenncountyrcd.org for a quicker response.
NOTE: Our office is closed to the public and staff is work remotely some of the time.

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Included in this packet are the following items:

1. Thank you Sponsors!
2. Application
3. Rules
4. Judge’s Worksheet
5. CARCD’s Flier

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RCD Connects with Kids

THANK YOU

-Wild Watershed Sponsors-



-Big Wave Sponsors-



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GLENN COUNTY
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

We missed you
Annual
Run Your Tail Off!
Stay Safe & Healthy...
see you in 2022!

**CARCD / GLENN COUNTY RCD
HIGH SCHOOL SPEAK-OFF COMPETITION
2021 APPLICATION FORM**

Topic: "What can Resource Conservation Districts do to help create a more inclusive dialogue about conservation work?"

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

If Applicant is under the age of 18, the phone number of a legal guardian MUST be included: (____) _____

High School: _____ Grade: _____

Club Affiliations: _____

Briefly state your interest in conservation, environmental, or agricultural practices:

If the applicant is under the age of 18, a legal guardian must sign application:

Legal Guardian (print): _____ (signature): _____

Student Signature: _____

Return to the Glenn County RCD office by October 8, 2021

(hard-copy or emailed applications will be accepted)

Contest will be held TBD – location/online TBD.

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132 North Enright Avenue, Suite C
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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

2021 CARCD CONSERVATION EDUCATION SPEAK-OFF

TOPIC:

“What can Resource Conservation Districts do to help create a more inclusive dialogue about conservation work?”

RULES:

Contestant Qualifications:

- Must be a high school student, grades 9-12, at the time of state conference in November.
- Any prior state winner is not eligible as a contestant.
- Must have an interest in agriculture, resource conservation or the environment.
- Contestants **MUST** speak at the regional level to compete at the state level.

Application Requirements:

- Each contestant must fill out and submit an application form to their local Resource Conservation District office.
- The application must include: name, address, phone number, school, grade, age, club affiliations, and a brief statement about interest or involvement in agriculture, conservation or environmental practices. Please see attached application.

Speech Requirements:

- Speaking order will be determined by drawing numbers.
- The speech will be three to five minutes in length, including the salutation and title.
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- Notes will be allowed at the district and regional levels, but not at the state level.
- No props, costumes, or visual aids will be allowed at any level.
- The speech **MUST** include a link to Resource Conservation Districts.

Judging:

- There will be three judges and a timekeeper at the district, regional, and state speak-offs.
- It is the Regional Director’s responsibility to include the speak-off on a meeting agenda and to secure regional judges and a timekeeper.
- Judges and timekeepers shall **NOT** be related, in any way, to contestants.
- At the regional level, directors from districts with contestants **CANNOT** be judges or timekeepers
- At the state level, directors from districts with contestants **CANNOT** be judges or timekeepers.
- At the regional level, any questions will be decided by the Regional President. At the state level, questions will be decided by the Speak-Off Committee or the Conservation Education Committee.

All regional winners will receive plaques at the state speak-off. The state speak-off winners will receive:

- 1st Place - \$300
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- 3rd Place - \$100



CARCD

Speak-Off Contest 2021

The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) is pleased to continue the tradition of the state-wide Speak-Off Completion for California High School Students at our 76th Annual Conference.

Speak Off Topic:

“What can Resource Conservation Districts do to help create a more inclusive dialogue about conservation work?”

The Speak-Off Competition will be held during lunch on Thursday, December 2nd during CARCD’s Annual Conference. The conference will be held at the Hilton Beachfront Hotel in Santa Barbara.

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Conservation Education Speak-off Contest

Judge's Worksheet

2021 Topic: "What can Resource Conservation Districts do to help create a more inclusive dialogue about conservation work?"

Time Limit: 3-5 min.

Judges will use the criteria below in judging each speaker:	Maximum Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
INTRODUCTION:										
Was there a strong opening sentence or device to capture attention and interest?	5									
Did speaker introduce topic and theme of speech sufficiently and clearly?	5									
CONTENT:										
Was speech well organized, easy to follow?	10									
Did speech show quality research and mastery of the information?	15									
Did speech include ways in which RCDs can be used to address the topic?	15									
DELIVERY SKILLS:										
Was speaking style fluent, not sounding memorized or read?	10									
Was there connectedness with good eye contact?	15									
Did the speaker appear physically at ease, with appropriate gestures and delivery?	15									
CONCLUSION:										
Was the overall impression strong and effective, with appropriate non-verbal follow-up used to end the speech?	10									
JUDGE'S TOTAL SCORE	100									
Timekeeper will assess time-penalty as follows: <i>Subtract points for increments of over or under the 3-5 minute time allowed.</i> 1-10 seconds 2 points 11-20 seconds 3 points 21-30 seconds 4 points										
SCORE TOTALS										

Judge No.: _____

Judge's Signature (Required): _____